

## Monroe County's

# Webster Park

### Trail Information

#### **Ridge Trail**

This trail is an easy 1.4 mile walk over gently rolling terrain. Most of this trail follows a mowed lane bordered by ash, cherry, maple, locust, box elder and cottonwood trees. There are a variety of shrubs including several species of dogwoods, multi-flora roses and honeysuckle. Since the path is fairly wide, it receives a good deal of sunshine, so look for seasonal wildflowers. The loop portion of the trail passes through white and red pines, oak, black cherry and spruce trees. A highlight of this trail is the old field on the west side of the trail. It has a large variety of wildflowers and is a great place to look for insects, butterflies and birds. While in the area, check out the fishing pier and great views of Lake Ontario from the observation points across Lake Road.

#### **West Loop**

This is an easy to moderate 1.6 mile trail with a few hills. It is a great trail any time of the year so don't be discouraged by the road portion because you will be rewarded with beautiful woodlands. A highlight of this trail is the West Field portion on the northern portion of the loop. This field is in the secondary stage of succession with a variety of shrubs, wildflowers and trees, which makes it a great area for birding especially during migration. It is especially beautiful in fall when brilliant purple asters and a variety of goldenrod wildflowers are blooming. You will pass through a large stand of spruce trees, so look for red squirrel middens. As you pass along the creek, look for ferns and seasonal wildflowers. There is also a large stand of white and red pine trees which makes this a beautiful cross-country ski or snowshoe trail. Another highlight of this trail is the portion through hardwoods of oak, maple, and beech trees, which make this a spectacular fall hike. Don't forget to look up because some of these trees are more than 75 feet tall. This is also great habitat for wild turkey. Along the gravel road portion of the trail there are maple, beech, black cherry, oak, pine and ash trees. Across

from the entrance to the campground see if you can find the larch trees.

#### **Valley View**

This is an easy .6 mile walk over gently rolling terrain. Before starting down the trail, stop by the park bench and enjoy the view of the valley. Much of this trail passes through a former orchard as there are Seckel pear, apple, crabapple, and cherry trees. Since there are also dogwood shrubs, wild grapes, and oak trees this trail is good for birding and wildlife viewing especially in late summer and fall.

#### **Ryan's Point**

This is a moderate .5 mile trail with several hills. Much of the trail meanders through pine and spruce woods, making it a pretty cross-country ski or snowshoe trail. Portions of the trail pass through woods with cherry, oak, maple, and birch trees amongst the conifers. Look for several kinds of ferns and seasonal woodland wildflowers.

#### **Orchard Trail**

This is a easy to moderate .8 mile trail. For the most part the trail is over gently rolling terrain and follows Mill Creek. Getting down and back up again from the creek is the moderate portion of the trail. Be sure to check out the observation point just west of the trailhead around Orchard shelter. There is a collection of unusual trees, including basswood, horsechestnut, sycamore, birch, oak, and maple. The trail is a pleasant walk along a portion of Mill Creek through ash, oak, maple, cherry, pine and spruce trees. Look for ferns and seasonal wildflowers.

Please be aware of seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural environment such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.

#### If you have rented a Lodge...

Stop at the park office and a parks employee will follow you to the lodge and open it for you.

#### If you have rented a Shelter...

A park guard will stop by to check your permit.

#### **Webster Park Hours and Rules**

Webster Park is open everyday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The shelters and lodges are reserved by calling 256-4951 and are available from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. daily. Our County Parks are **Carry-In Carry-Out**. Please take all garbage with you to dispose of after you leave. Keg Beer is permitted if stamped on your rental permit. Recreation fields are available on a first come / first serve basis if the fields are not in league use. **Pets must be leashed. Bicycles are not allowed on trails.** 

Youth Camping is available by permit only by calling 256-4951.

**Webster Park Family Campgrounds** is open seasonally May 15th through October 15th. 40 campsites include electric and water with nearby rest rooms, upgraded showers and a new playground. For information and reservations call 872-5326.

